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Confidential Informant [redacted] an I. W. W. delegate, on November 17th received through the mails from I.W.W. headquarters at Chicago, Illinois, a mimeographed copy of the Minutes of Conference of Small Industrial Unions held at Chicago, November 11th, 1923, of which the following is a copy:

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE OF SMALL INDUSTRIAL UNIONS

Called to order at 3:00 P.M. November 11th, 1923, by E. V. Wallis, Secretary Small I.U.'s.
W. F. Sutherland elected Chairman by acclamation.
Conductor reports seven members in good standing present.
Six members of I.U.#450 and one member of I.U.#410.
James Lance elected Recording Secretary.
M&S That first order of business by instructions to delegate to General Convention. Carried.
Member of I.U.#410 appears without card and was properly vouched for.
M&S That member without card be seated with voice and vote. Carried.
Report of Secretary-Treasurer of Small I.U.'s.
M&S That reported by accepted. Carried.
Reading of Communication sent to all members of small I.U.'s possible. to reach regarding call for convention.
M&S That communication be filed. Carried.
Reading of minutes of joint meeting small I.U.'s Seattle, Wash. 10/10/23
M&S That communication be laid over to new business. Carried.
Reading of resolution from Chicago Branch I.U.#410 meeting held 9/10/23.
M&S That this communication be laid over to new business. Carried.
Reading of resolution from New Bedford Branch I.U.#410, meeting held November 1st, 1923.
M&S That resolution be laid over to new business.

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NEW BUSINESS

M&S That we do not concur with motion in minutes of Seattle meeting regarding employment of members by General Defense who have accepted commutation. Lost.
M&S That communication be tabled. Carried.
M&S That we do not concur with resolution from Chicago Branch I.U. #410, regarding length of General Convention. Carried.
M&S That we do not concur with resolution from New Bedford Branch, I. U. #410 regarding Universalism, terms of office, treasuries, etc. Carried. Yes 4, No, 3.
M&S That the Small I.U.'s donate $350.00 to California Defense, money to be donated pro ratio to cash on hand of respective unions. Carried unanimously.
M&S That we donate $350.00 to Educational Bureau for leaflets and pamphlets for Small I.U.'s, money to be donated according to cash on hand of respective unions pro ratio. Carried Yes-4, No-2.
M&S That the G.E.B. appoint a general organizer for the Small I.U.'s to work in the East. The expense of said organizer to be borne pro ratio by all small I.U.'s and that this motion stand as instructions to delegate to General Convention. Carried unanimously.
M&S That delegate fro small I.U.'s to General Convention be instructed to take no part in controversy over political prisoners unless specific charges are filed according to Constitution. Carried unanimously.
M&S That our delegate to General Convention protest action on all resolutions not coming before General Convention thru proper channels, according to Constitution. Carried Unanimously.
Reading of resolution on International relations submitted by H. R. Richards, Card No. 303191, member of I.U.#450.

Whereas, the recognized theoretical foundation of the I.W.W., as voiced by the Preamble, is scientific socialism, and,

Whereas the single purpose of the I.W.W. as declared by the Preamble is the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of industrial communism, through a working-class revolution, which is a basic deduction of scientific socialism, and,

Whereas, it is the conviction of the I.W.W. confirmed by the events of the past several years, that the working-class revolution has been precipitated by the world war, and,

Whereas, consequently, the dominant rule of conduct of the I.W.W. Solidarity - demands that in this crisis we co-ordinate our activities with those of the international forces of workind-class revolution, therefore, be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of this convention of the smaller unions that the Resolutions unanimously adopted by the General Executive Board of the I.W.W. in its meeting of August 27, 1919, as hereafter quoted and as adopted by the General Convention of the I.W.W. 1920, be recommended to the approaching General Convention as properly expressing the general attitude and policy of the organization in international relations. These resolutions read as follows: (Moved by Sreed; seconded by King) "Resolved, Whereas the Soviet Republic of Russia in its call for the organization of the Third International, including the I.W.W., as one of the bodies eligible to such new inter-

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national, "Whereas, the I.W.W., as the only revolutionary organization in the United States, whose program is absolutely scientific and uncompromising, is the logical American unit of the Third International, and, "Whereas, the proletarian revolution is world-wide and not national or local in its scope,

"Therefore, the time has come for the I.W.W. to assume its proper place, as the American unit of the World's Red International and to establish closer relations with groups of the same or similar principles in every country, such as the communists of Russia, Hungary, Bavaria, Etc., the Spartacans of Germany, the Syndicalists of France, Italy and Great Britain and other countries and the Industrial unionists of Canada and Australia;

"Therefore, be it resolved: The I.W.W. shall create a committee on International Relations, which shall establish at once and maintain correspondence and fraternal relations with such aforesaid revolutionary grough thruout the world and shall provide the representation of the I.W.W. as a constituent member of the Third International."

(Carried unanimously - Excerpt from the official minutes).

Be it further Resolved that, our delegate to the approaching General Convention be and hereby is instructed to present these resolutions and resolutely advocate their adoption by the General Convention.

Submitted by H. R. Richards,
Card No. 303,191.
Member P. and P.W.I.U.#450

M&S That we do not concur with resolution. Carried. Five yes. One No.
M&S That our delegate to the General Convention be instructed to see that resolution in Article XII of General Constitution, page 43 (Political Parties and Discipline) stand as it is. Carried Unanimously.
M&S That we take up special order of business. Carried.

NOMINATION OF DELEGATE TO G.C.

Nominees: Lance, Sutherland.
Sutherland declined.
M&S That Fellow Worker Lance be elected by acclamation.
Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

M&S That we instruct secretary of small I.U.'s to forward donation to California Defense immediately. Carried.
M&S That we adjourn. Carried.
Adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

(Signed) Walter E. Sutherland 369761
Chairman

" Jas. Lance, 416897
Rec. Sec.

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